In God's Workshop, under the Hand of the Sculptor

What an extraordinary plan God could make! What grace we have to be able to work in His workshop as apprentices, together with Him, to grow in all respects until we reach the fullness of the stature of Christ.

Because His plan is for us to be like the image of His Son, and everything is subordinated to this great plan, God sent His Son. In turn, He sent His disciples to describe His character to us, because only if we know His traits can we model ourselves after His image. (For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate... to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:28-29)

Just as no sculptor in the world, no matter how talented, can sculpt the image of a man if he does not see his features, so no one will be able to work to have the image of Christ if he does not know the features of His image.

No one in this world can conceive that a sculptor can reproduce the image of Nero if he has never seen Nero.

A sculptor who makes a sculpture always has as a model the image of the one he will reproduce in stone. He has the image of the model in his workshop, which he must look at and reproduce with great attention every feature until the stone takes on the image of the model.

Similar is God’s work with us. From the moment of new birth, the Holy Spirit, like a sculptor, is the One who works with us and transforms us step by step until Christ is formed in us.

At first, His image will be found in the seed of God that is sown in us, having the genetic code of God. The Holy Spirit germinates this divine seed and works with us on this transformation.

For this, He provides us with the model, that is, the image of the Lord, which we can look at as in a mirror, as the Holy Scripture tells us. Then we work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, step by step, until we come to have the image of Christ; until all His traits are imprinted in our hearts.

We all look as in a mirror in which we see all the features of the Lord, and we will polish until there are no more differences between us and our Model. (But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same

image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18)

The external image of the Lord cannot be seen, but the internal image can be seen, what His heart looks like, what is in His heart, and this we can see with the eyes of our We are changed from heart. (The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glory to glory into the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge image of Christ! of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened. Ephesians 1:17-18).

There is an inner part of the heart, in which we can resemble God and which can only be seen with the eyes of the heart, but it is ignored by most. (For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Matthew 13:15)

When Moses wanted to know Him, he did not ask to see His external appearance, but he asked to be shown His ways, His way of being, that is, the traits of His heart. (Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee. Exodus 33:13)

Therefore, God revealed to him the hidden face of His heart, that is, the attributes or traits of His heart. (The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Exodus 34:6; The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. Psalms 145:8; God is love. 1 John 4:16; He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. Deuteronomy 32:4)

When God tells us that His image must be formed in us, He is actually telling us that our heart must change to be like His heart, His attributes/traits of His heart must be imprinted in us.

When we look with the eyes of the heart, we must see as in a mirror the traits of His heart and we must allow ourselves to be worked on and modeled after these traits of His, so that at the end of the Spirit's work, our heart must be like His. (The Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart. 1 Samuel 13:14)

He works on restoring His image in us and guides us through the Holy Spirit to clothe us with His attributes, which will be the fruit of the Spirit's work with us. (Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering. Colossians 3:12)

In the Gospel, we find the traits of the heart of Lord Jesus, with which He draws all people to Him. (And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32)

However, we can observe that for most, Satan has blinded the eyes of their hearts so that they do not see the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, to not see in the mirror the Model after which to change. (But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Corinthians 4:3)

Many of us do not have eyes to see the image of Christ and remain only with the knowledge of a few things about what Lord Jesus did.

Many know what healings Lord Jesus performed, know about His sacrifice on the cross, where He walked, what miracles He performed, when He prayed, where He prayed, and that is where things concerning Lord Jesus are limited, but what is essential and what they need to know for their salvation, they do not know.

We must understand that we will not be able to become like Him/be like Him if we do not seek to discover the beauty of the traits of His heart (His ways) and without desiring to have a heart like His. (Shew me now thy way, that I may know thee. Exodus 33:13)

The question we should each ask ourselves is the following: What can determine me to look in the mirror and work together with the Holy Spirit for the image of the Lord to be formed in me? Is there something specific? Is it the fear of hell? Is it the promise that He will take us to the heavenly Paradise? Or is it the beauty of His heart?

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